

Union Calendar No. 282

108TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 265

[Report No. 108–495]

To provide for an adjustment of the boundaries of Mount Rainier National Park, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 8, 2003

Ms. DUNN (for herself, Mr. DICKS, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. SMITH of Washington, and Mr. BAIRD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

MAY 17, 2004

Additional sponsor: Mr. McDERMOTT

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 8, 2003]

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Mount Rainier National*
3 *Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2003”.*

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 *The Congress finds the following:*

6 (1) *The Carbon River watershed within Pierce*
7 *County in the State of Washington has unique quali-*
8 *ties of ecological, economic, and educational impor-*
9 *tance, including clean water, productive salmon*
10 *streams, important wildlife habitat, active geologic*
11 *processes, outdoor recreational opportunities, scenic*
12 *beauty, educational opportunities, and diverse eco-*
13 *nom ic opportunities.*

14 (2) *Mount Rainier National Park is one of the*
15 *premier attractions in the State of Washington, pro-*
16 *viding recreational, educational, and economic oppor-*
17 *tunities that will be enhanced by the construction of*
18 *new campgrounds and visitor contact facilities in the*
19 *Carbon River valley outside old-growth forest habitats*
20 *and above the flood plain.*

21 (3) *Coordination of management across national*
22 *forest and national park lands in this corridor will*
23 *enhance the conservation of the forest ecosystem and*
24 *public enjoyment of these public lands.*

25 (4) *Protection and development of historic and*
26 *recreational facilities in the Carbon River valley, such*

1 *as trails and visitor centers, can be facilitated by the*
 2 *National Park Service.*

3 **SEC. 3. MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY AD-**
 4 **JUSTMENT.**

5 (a) *BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.*—*The boundary of*
 6 *Mount Rainier National Park is modified to include the*
 7 *area within the boundary generally depicted on the map*
 8 *entitled “Mount Rainier National Park, Carbon River*
 9 *Boundary Adjustment”, numbered 105/92,002B, and dated*
 10 *June 2003. The Secretary of the Interior shall keep the map*
 11 *on file in the appropriate offices of the National Park Serv-*
 12 *ice.*

13 (b) *LAND ACQUISITION.*—*The Secretary of the Interior*
 14 *may acquire, only with the consent of the owner, by dona-*
 15 *tion, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or ex-*
 16 *change—*

17 (1) *land or interests in land, totaling not more*
 18 *than 800 acres, and improvements thereon within the*
 19 *boundary generally depicted on the map referred to in*
 20 *subsection (a) for development of camping and other*
 21 *recreational facilities; and*

22 (2) *land or interests in land, totaling not more*
 23 *than one acre, and improvements thereon in the vi-*
 24 *cinity of Wilkeson, Washington, for a facility to serve*

1 *visitors to public lands along the Carbon and Mowich*
2 *Corridors.*

3 *(c) ADMINISTRATION OF ACQUIRED LANDS.—Lands*
4 *acquired under this section shall be administered by the*
5 *Secretary of the Interior as part of Mount Rainier National*
6 *Park in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.*

7 ***SEC. 4. ASSOCIATED LANDS.***

8 *The Secretary of Agriculture shall manage that por-*
9 *tion of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest lying ad-*
10 *acent to Mt. Rainier National Park, as identified on the*
11 *map referred to in section 3(a), to maintain the area's nat-*
12 *ural setting in a manner consistent with its management*
13 *as of June 1, 2003.*

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